

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
REGULATORY REFORM**

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

12:00 P.M.

Room 308 House Office Building

Representative Farrah, chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Farrah, Scott, Meadows, Virgil Smith, Wojno, Marleau, Palsrok, Gaffney. (8/9)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Rep. Ward. (1/9)

Representative Wojno moved to adopt the minutes from the February 13, 2007 meeting. No objections being made, the minutes were adopted.

Representative Farrah, chair, laid **HB 4208** before the committee.

HB 4208	Spade	Disabilities; qualified interpreter for deaf or deaf-blind individual; define and provide in certain circumstances.
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Representative Spade, sponsor of the legislation, testified before the committee.

Chris Hunter, representing the Division on Deaf and Hard of Hearing, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4208**.

Dave Coyne, representing the Michigan Association for Deaf and Hard of Hearing, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4208**.

Nan Asher, representing the Michigan Association for Deaf and Hard of Hearing, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4208**.

Senator John Gleason testified before the committee in support of **HB 4208**.

Kelly Flores, representing the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4208**.

Micki Baumgart, representing the Michigan Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4208**.

Karl Gruetzner, representing himself, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4208**.

Jill Gaus, representing Self Help for Independency in Michigan Equalizing the DeafBlind, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4208**.

Amanda Fisher, representing the National Federation of Independent Business, turned in a testimony card in opposition to **HB 4208** but did not wish to speak.

The following people turned in testimony cards in support of **HB 4208** but did not wish to speak:

SaDonna White, representing the Michigan Association for Deaf and Hard of Hearing.
Tom Masseau, representing Michigan Protection and Advocacy.
Jordan Kingdon, representing the Michigan Bankers Association.
Debra Self, representing the Communication Access Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.
Emily Hunt, representing the Lansing Community College Interpreter Training Program.
Michelle Newton, representing the Lansing Community College Interpreter Training Program.
Tonya Lenz, representing the Lansing Community College Interpreter Training Program.
Kathleen Edwards, representing the Lansing Community College Interpreter Training Program.
Virginia Quinn, representing the Lansing Community College Interpreter Training Program.
Danielle Zilles, representing the Lansing Community College Interpreter Training Program.
Mandalynn Vashon, representing the Lansing Community College Interpreter Training Program.
Joletta Lee, representing the Lansing Community College Interpreter Training Program.
Heidi Huntley, representing the Lansing Community College Interpreter Training Program.
Beverly Chesebro, representing the Lansing Community College Interpreter Training Program.
Ashley Vincent, representing the Lansing Community College Interpreter Training Program.
Kristin Davis, representing the Lansing Community College Interpreter Training Program.
Deana Welch, representing the Lansing Community College Interpreter Training Program.
Veronica Balcarcel, representing the Lansing Community College Interpreter Training Program.
Bob Barnett, representing himself.
Amanda Niven, representing herself.
Annemarie VanderWaerden, representing herself.
Jeanne Heckman, representing herself.
Kenya Lowe, representing herself.
Cheryl Mattson, representing herself.

Representative Meadows moved to excuse absent members. No objections being made, absent members were excused.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 12:57 p.m.

Representative Barbara Farrah, Chair

Eric Esch, Committee Clerk (517) 373-0070